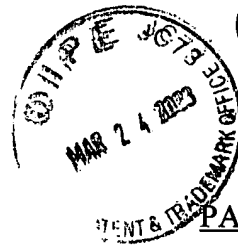


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English documents is provided, respectively, in English abstracts attached to those documents, or in comments provided below concerning each of the documents, or both.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Gazette No. 61-223914 (JP-A-61-223914), JP-A-01-129315, Japanese Laid-Open Utility Model Application Gazette No. 62-125927 (JP-U-62-125927), and JP-U-63-195417 relate to controlling a drive voltage of a display unit, a printer unit, a I/O circuit or the like so as to be shut off in accordance with a detection output of a posture detection means.

JP-A-59-61379 relates to attaching a camera-integrated VTR to a bracket of an adapter to execute a reproduction function or a broadcast signal recording function.

JP-A-62-150987 relates to an image information processing apparatus which inputs image data from a TV camera to output it, and includes lens control means and camera position control means of the TV camera and a display means for displaying image data so as to attain remote control of the TV camera.

JP-A-63-271217 relates to an electronic endoscope whose scope is interchangeable among different kinds of scopes and which recognizes identification information of a scope when it is attached to the endoscope equipment, thereby controlling a light amount of a light source which illuminates an object.

JP-A-02-140712 relates to an endoscope system which comprises an external TV camera, connectable to different kinds of optical endoscope, and a display means for displaying an image signal from the external TV camera. In this system, the type of optical endoscope connected to the external TV camera is detected, and detected information of the endoscope is outputted to the display means.

JP-A-02-159888 relates to a system in which a word processor is connected to a video camera through an interface equipment and electric power of the video camera is supplied from the word processor.

JP-A-02-270475 relates to a camera device in which a camera having a solid-state memory and a plurality of electrical connectors, is connected to a reproduction device having a slot which is connectable to the electrical connectors of the camera. This enables information stored in the solid-state memory to be transferred to the reproduction device through the plurality of electrical connectors, and electric power is supplied from the reproduction device to the camera.

JP-A-02-291784 relates to checking the remaining capacity of a power source battery attached to an electronic still camera and display a check result.

JP-A-03-018174 relates to an image input processing apparatus in which a scanner is detachably connected to a main body of the apparatus and an image input mode is switched between a handy-scan mode and a sheet-through mode in accordance with a connection state of the scanner.

JP-A-03-55655 relates to a portable information processor on which a CCD camera is mounted.

JP-A-03-104393 relates to a communication apparatus comprising a camera unit including an image pickup part that is detachably attached to a main body of the communication apparatus, and a display part. The camera unit transmits a stored image to the main body of the apparatus in accordance with a signal therefrom.

JP-A-03-104394 relates to a communication apparatus comprising a camera unit including an image pickup part that is detachably attached to a main body of the communication apparatus, and a display part. The communication apparatus receives an image and outputs the received image to the camera unit which supplies the received image to the display part.

JP-A-03-108963 relates to that a camera picks up an image to record therein the picked-up image and then the camera is inserted into an external equipment to attain transfer of image data.

JP-A-03-109890 relates to a video telephone equipment which comprises a camera unit and a video telephone unit. Each of the camera unit and the video telephone unit has one of a pair of guide fixing means and one of a pair of circuit connection means, so that the camera unit and the video telephone unit are detachably connected to each other.

JP-A-03-144861 relates to that a TV camera picks up an objective work and video signal from TV camera is processed to measure a feature amount of the objective work and output a measurement result to a TV monitor.

JP-A-04-053340 relates to a video telephone equipment on which a video camera can be mounted detachably.

JP-A-04-241569 relates to that an image data output apparatus has a slot to which a portable memory unit can be attached.

JP-A-04-295886 relates to a portable-type personal computer to which a freely turnable and flexible electronic still camera is attached.

JP-B-04-052139 relates to an image pickup apparatus used for an endoscope, which comprises a scope having a plane-sequential type color image pickup means, a scope having a color-mosaic type color image pickup means, illumination means for supplying illumination light suitable for each of the scopes, signal processing means for performing a signal processing for each scope, illumination connection means provided in common to the illumination means, and signal connection means provided in common to each scope, for connecting each scope to the signal processing means.

JP-U-01-171156 relates to a facsimile apparatus which has an interface through which an audio recording unit for recording an audio signal or a handy scanner unit can be detachably attached to the facsimile apparatus.

JP-U-02-055337 relates to to upload a drive program of an I/O apparatus when it is added.

JP-U-03-000472 relates to to attach an IC card unit in which a scanner unit is integrated into a slot of a main body of a processing apparatus.

ASCII (A Monthly Magazine of Home & Office Computer Science), pages 226-227, September 1992 teaches to display in a window image information inputted by a scanner.

NEC Technical Journal, pages 58-64, Vol. 42, No. 3/1982 teaches a surveillance TV camera system in which a camera is connected to a controller through a cable to supply an electric power from the controller to the camera.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

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